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SUBJ: DAIRY PRODUCTS PLANT TENDER

REF: STATE 44751

1. REFTEL RECEIVED TUNIS TOO LATE TO PERMIT EMBASSY, DESPITE CONCERTED EFFORTS, TO REACH OFFICIALS OF CENTRALE LAITERIE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN EXTENSION OF BID DEADLINE AS REQUESTED. (BIDS WERE OPENED 9 AM MAR 3.)

2. ON MAR 5 EMBOFF CALLED ON DIRECTOR GENERAL FERID MOKHTAR OF STIL, PARENT COMPANY OF CENTRALE LAITERIE, TO DISCUSS TENDER AND POSSIBILITY FOR MEULLER TO STILL SUBMIT BID. MOKHTAR REPORTED THAT DUE TO NUMBER AND SCOPE OF BIDS ALREADY RECEIVED, BID DEADLINE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN EXTENDED EVEN IF WE HAD BEEN ABLE CONTACT HIM EARLIER. SPECIFICALLY REGARDING MEULLER PROPOSAL TO BID ONLY ON REFRIGERATION TANKS REQUIRED FOR PLANT, MOKHTAR SAID THAT SINCE FOUR COMPLETE BIDS HAD BEEN RECEIVED, ALL PARTIAL BIDS HAD BEEN REJECTED. THE FOUR BIDS WHICH ARE NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION WERE SUBMITTED BY: ETS GUERIN, ALFA LAVAL, APV, AND SOCIETE DE MECANISATION BELGE. BIDS RANGED FROM \$3-5 MILLION.

3. IF MEULLER REMAINS INTERESTED IN THIS PLANT, WE SUGGEST ITS BEST POSSIBILITY IS TO CONTACT ONE OF FOUR FIRMS STILL IN RUNNING TO INTEREST ONE OF THEM IN INCLUDING THE MEULLER EQUIPMENT IN THEIR PROPOSAL.

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